

K-12 Education Administration subsidizes public preschools to improve their teaching environment and equipment in order to create a high-quality learning environment

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To provide preschools with a safer and higher-quality learning environment, the K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education formulated the Guidelines on Subsidies to Special Municipal and City (County) Governments to Enhance and Improve Preschool Teaching Environment, Facilities, and Equipment to subsidize public preschools to enhance and improve their teaching environment, facilities, and equipment. In 2011, a total of 388 public preschools were subsidized to improve their facilities and equipment.

For example, the Lucao Elementary School Affiliated Preschool in Chiayi County renovated its facilities and equipment and designed a comfortable sink, featuring a deer pattern, which is the symbol of the Lucao area, simple colors, and mosaic tiles on the surface of the sink. The sink is designed to avoid splashing water. With arc-shaped protective trims and a mirror on the top of the wall, children can check if their hands are clean at any time when washing their hands. In addition, there is a special space for soap, hand sanitizer, and a mop sink. The frame of the entire

sink creates a natural and comfortable vibe. It adds to the cuteness and the childlike style when children wash their hands in the deer themed sink in Lucao.

The Shun'an Elementary School Affiliated Preschool in Yilan County and the Branch of the Yilan Municipal Preschool were bothered by poor traffic flows and outdated facilities of their restrooms. With a subsidy from the K-12 Education Administration, they improved the traffic flows, renovated the facilities, and decorated the partitions with animal patterns in order to beautify the internal space. The renovated restrooms are safer, brighter, tidier, and better ventilated, while also stay practical, comfortable, and aesthetically pleasing, thereby providing teachers and children with a high-quality toilet environment.

Moreover, the mats in the courtyard of the Meishan Kindergarten in Meishan Township, Chiayi County, have been used for many years and are old, hardened, and inelastic. This is an activity space for children. To protect and prevent them from falling down, the kindergarten used such a subsidy to re-plan the activity area and adopted seamless elastic mats, featuring excellent elasticity, great impact absorption performance, high wear resistance and weather resistance, allowing children to have a safe and secure recreational space.

According to the K-12 Education Administration, to safeguard the safety of preschools and provide a better learning environment, it will continue to motivate them to apply for subsidies to enhance and improve their teaching environment, facilities and equipment, while creating a high-quality learning environment with their ingenuity.